

a ~~rotate~~ rotating means for rotating the front punch and the lower punch about axis thereof, respectively.

REMARKS

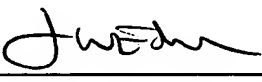
Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-12 have been amended to improve the form thereof. Applicants await an action on the merits of this case.

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